Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Winnebago Landfill -- East Expansion Unit Winnebago County

The Illinois EPA's Bureau of Land, Permit Section is reviewing an application for a development permit for a new landfill unit at the Winnebago Landfill facility (Log No. 2013-295), located at 8403 Lindenwood Road in Rockford. As proposed in the application, the landfill will be called the East Expansion Unit and will be allowed to accept municipal waste and non-hazardous special waste. The East Expansion Unit will be a separate landfill unit, as opposed to lateral expansion of an existing unit, with a waste footprint of about 222 acres and 52 million cubic yards of airspace for waste disposal.

Winnebago Landfill must obtain a development permit from the Agency before it may begin design of the new landfill unit. The Illinois EPA reviews the application to determine if it meets applicable regulations for design and operation of a new landfill, 35 IAC, Subtitle G. These regulations may be found on the Illinois Pollution Control Board website, www.ipcb.state.il.us. Previously, Winnebago Landfill obtained local siting approval for this expansion from the Winnebago County Board.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the application. Comments must be postmarked by April 27, 2017. Comments, questions and requests for information should be directed to Rachel Stewart, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA PO Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2224, TDD 217/782-9143, rachel.stewart@illinois.gov.

The repositories for the application are at the Winnebago County Clerk's office located at 404 Elm Street in Rockford, 815/319-4250, and the Illinois EPA's office at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).